

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Students for Justice in Palestine, at the  
University of Houston, et al,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**Greg Abbott**, in his official capacity only as  
the Governor of the State of Texas, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00523-RP

Hon. Judge Robert Pitman

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Having considered the submissions and arguments of the Parties, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. The Court finds and concludes that preliminary injunctive relief is warranted as follows:

1. Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits that GA-44 is an unconstitutional restriction on free speech in violation of the First Amendment; that the requested relief, if not granted, will cause irreparable harm to Plaintiffs; and that the balance of interests and the public interest strongly warrant the grant of a preliminary injunction.
2. Defendants are hereby preliminary enjoined from enforcing GA-44 and any practices or policies adopted in furtherance of it, including but not limited to the creation of any rules or policies that:
  - a. forbid students from using the phrase *from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free*;

- b. define as bigoted the typical criticisms and historical comparisons students make about foreign countries when those criticisms are made about Israel;
  - c. single out for punishment Students for Justice in Palestine, Palestine Solidarity Committee, or any organization that is critical of Israel and supports the rights of Palestinians.
- 3. Defendant Taylor Eighmy is hereby preliminarily enjoined from enforcing the school's policy forbidding students from chanting or displaying on signs the slogan *from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free*.
- 4. Defendant Rene Khator is hereby preliminary enjoined from enforcing its new policies that seek to comport with GA-44, including the changes made to UH Systems' free expression policies by the Board of Regents on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

Dated

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United States District Judge  
Hon. Robert Pitman